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WAR RUMORS DENIED; CONGRESS MOVES TO GET READY \$100,000,000 Bonds Proposed to Rush Armed Action

PROHIBITION BILL GAINING STRENGTH IN BOTH HOUSES

Bill is Expected to Pass Its Second Reading in Senate and Large Percentage of Representatives Favor It

In taking up the prohibition bill this afternoon the senate also took up for consideration the matter of providing for the expenses of the election. It is considered likely that the amendment for \$5000 will be added and that the bill will pass second reading and be referred to the printing committee. At 2 o'clock a short recess was in progress.

Belief that the new prohibition measure introduced in the senate yesterday would pass on second reading today before that body was confidently held by a majority of the members as they entered upon the session at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

President Chillingworth was enthusiastic today at the result of yesterday's debate.

"I will go on the stump myself and campaign for prohibition," is Chillingworth's emphatic assertion.

Delegate Kubie, Mayor Lane, John Wiles and other Hawaiian leaders will back him in this fight. It will be a hard fight but one which, I believe, will result in prohibition for Hawaii.

Opinions expressed by other senators point to a close fight if the bill passes both houses and comes to a decision from the people.

Senator Deane is of the opinion the "dry" element will carry the election, though admitting the contest will be long.

President Chillingworth has expressed from the secretary of the navy that the cost of such an election would be between \$5000 and \$10000.

House Members Favor Prohibition

Members of the house of representatives are especially lining up in favor of submitting to the people through a plebiscite the question of whether Hawaii shall have prohibition.

A census of opinions by the Star-Bulletin in the house today shows that a big percentage of the representatives will vote in favor of senate amendments bill 22, which provides a plebiscite on the "prohibition" question.

Representative C. H. Cooke asserts he would vote for the prohibition bill.

"I'm in favor of anything that might give us prohibition," he says. "I also am in favor of anything that would submit the question directly to the people."

More than 20 other representatives expressed similar intentions. Representative Wiles wants a little time to think over the matter, and Andrews is not yet certain how he would vote.

House members of the house, however, are in the opinion that if the people of Hawaii were to vote for a "wet" territory, Congress immediately would throw up its hands and decline to pass further on any prohibition measure how before it affecting the islands.

"What chance would Congress have for such a thing as this measure?" one house member asks. "If the people voted 'wet' Congress would be bound to respect the wishes of the voters here. If there had been a vote here."

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Chamber Meets to Determine Course Upon City Charter

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the members of the chamber of commerce were assembling for a meeting at which will be definitely outlined the plan of action to be pursued this evening by the legislative committee at the public hearing on the charter bill before the Oahu delegation of the house of representatives.

Interest in the charter bill is acute, principally among civic and other organizations, and at tonight's meeting all organizations, as well as individuals, will have an opportunity to express opinions, either pro or con. Chairman Gerrit P. Wilder of the Oahu delegation will preside.

Stocks Sag In Face of Crisis

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Yesterday	Today	Drop
Alaska Gold	7 1/4	7 1/4	1/4
American Smelter	95 1/2	95 1/2	2 1/2
American Sug. Rfg.	110	112 1/2	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	125	125	0
Anacosta Copper	79 1/2	79 1/2	1/2
Atchafalpa	102 1/2	102 1/2	1/2
Baldwin Loco.	52 1/2	52 1/2	1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	75	75 1/2	1/2
Beth. Steel, New	120	120	0
Calif. Petroleum	22 1/2	22 1/2	1/2
Canadian Pacific	154	153 1/2	1/2
C. M. & St. P.	80 1/2	81	1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	48 1/2	47	1/2
Cruible Steel	84 1/2	85 1/2	1/2
Eric Common	28	28 1/2	1/2
General Electric	161 1/2	161 1/2	1/2
Gen. Motors, New	109 1/2	111 1/2	1/2
Int. Northern Pfd.	112 1/2	114	1/2
Inter. Harv., N. J.	114	115 1/2	1/2
Kennecott Copper	44 1/2	44 1/2	1/2
Lehigh R. R.	70 1/2	71 1/2	1/2
New York Central	94 1/2	94 1/2	1/2
Pennsylvania	54 1/2	54 1/2	1/2
Ray Consol.	28 1/2	27	1/2
Reading Common	92 1/2	93 1/2	1/2
Southern Pacific	102 1/2	103 1/2	1/2
Studebaker	99	100 1/2	1/2
Texas Oil	22 1/2	22 1/2	1/2
Union Pacific	137 1/2	138	1/2
U. S. Steel	108	108 1/2	1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	109 1/2	110 1/2	1/2
Western Union	97 1/2	97 1/2	1/2
Westinghouse	47 1/2	48 1/2	1/2
May Wheat	1.81 1/4	1.77 1/4	0

*Bid, 1/2 dividend, 1/2 unquoted.

Cop Levels Big 'Gun' at Saloon Bar

Special Policeman, Central Figure in Incipient "Bad Man" Scene, Rushed to Jail

William Yaden is a special policeman; he boasts a badge and totes a big "sap" and automatic Colt of large bore.

Saturday night the officer showed his authority by arresting five spectators to the water carnival because they were smoking on the pier.

The defendants were afterwards discharged by Judge Monsarrat, who believed there were hundreds smoking that night.

About noon today Yaden walked into the Danial saloon at 128 North Hotel street and asked if he could use the telephone.

He had been drinking, according to Bicycle Policeman Gunderson, who was called to the scene shortly afterwards. Y. Tanaka, proprietor of the Japanese bar, told him, "Certainly, help yourself."

Yaden stepped to the phone, jerked down the receiver, then suddenly whizzed on the bartender and patrons and to their amazement whipped out a wicked-looking automatic pistol and covered the crowd.

Ned Lincoln was drawing beer; one glass was nearly full but the agitation of the bartender's hand was so violent when he saw the revolver pointing in a general fashion towards him that the beer spilled out on the floor.

He was still shaking when he reported at the police station.

Someone got word to Patrolman Abel Kie, who was near by, and he came at the double-quick. The proprietor telephoned the police station as Yaden backed away from the bar, the cup still level at the crowd which stood in respectful, breathless silence.

George Kelli was the only one that moved. He advanced slowly towards Yaden and took the pistol from his hand with the help of Policemen Kie and Gunderson, who arrived simultaneously.

Yaden is being held without bail for investigation. Deputy Sheriff Asch and Capt. Baker, who were on duty when the man was brought in, have no idea what possessed him to flourish the weapon.

Gunderson believes Yaden was drunk and bent on avenging some imaginary grievance with Tanaka. The gun was fully loaded.

A bill was filed with the legislature by the Col's Patent Fire Arms Company to increase its authorized capital stock from \$2,500,000 to \$10,000,000.

Eighteen persons were killed and 50 injured during a collision between the Bourges-Paris express and a freight train at Chateaufort.

AGED STATESMEN OF JAPAN CALLED BAR TO PROGRESS

Minister Ozaki Leading Fight to Abolish Unofficial Powers Wielded By "Genro"

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 28.—Undismayed by the recent attempt to assassinate him, Minister of the Interior Ozaki is taking the leadership in a movement forced by the Constitutionalists in the pending struggle for a more representative form of government.

This he has made clear, in an interview with the Associated Press, concerning the political situation in the empire. He declares that the stumbling-block to really constitutional government in Japan is the system of Genro, or "Elder Statesmen," whose position he declares to be an anachronism. He says the fact that such broad powers are put in the hands of these aged statesmen who hold no official position, is a part of the past which should be abandoned. They are not responsible to any one, he points out, and he wishes to fix the responsibility for government. In the Associated Press interview, he defends the policy of Premier Count Okuma in relation to China.

'Healer' Dies Trial Ended

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 28.—"Prince" August Schrader, self-styled "divine healer," died today in the county hospital. He was on trial for alleged fraudulent use of the mails under illness from pneumonia interrupted the court hearings.

Spanish Liner to Bring Gerard Home

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

CORUNA, Spain, Feb. 28.—United States ambassador sailed from this port this morning on the Spanish steamer Infanta Isabella, for Havana, which he will reach March 8 or 9. He was escorted to the boat by the mayor of the city, the British vice-consul and the Cuban consul.

FRANCIS WILSON VISITS HONOLULU

Francis Wilson, noted actor, writer and dramatist, arrived in Honolulu this morning on the Shinyo Maru en route to Japan. The former star of the "Merry Monarch," "Pinafore" and other noted plays is a close friend of William H. Crane, and immediately upon his arrival said that he regretted that he was unable to make the trip with Crane last year.

Francis Wilson is one of the leaders of the theatrical profession in New York. He is a member of the Lambda Club, and other theatrical orders. He has a letter to Queen Liliuokalani from a relative of the late Robert Louis Stevenson, and will present it upon his return to Honolulu.

Francis Wilson met Will Lewers, a former member of the profession, and both talked over old times before the footlights. Wilson said today that Lewers was a very good actor, and regretted that he did not continue his work on the stage. Wilson is 63 years of age, but still takes a keen interest in things theatrical. He has written a number of plays, and is best known to the public as the star in "Cyrano de Bergerac," "The Merry Monarch" and "Pinafore." He leaves on the Shinyo Maru this afternoon for Yokohama.

AMERICANS GOING TO AUSTRALIA NEED PASS

Officials of the federal court in Honolulu have received information from the department of state in Washington, D. C., that Americans should not attempt to embark for Australia without passports duly approved and signed by the British ambassador or consular officer.

Passports have been necessary for some time, but the latest advice is an additional warning to prospective travelers. A cablegram almost identical to the above has been received by the state department from the commonwealth of Australia.

War Rumors Grow and Are Soon Punctured

War rumors flashed all over Honolulu today about 11 o'clock, and for an hour the Star-Bulletin's telephone was kept busy with people who wanted to know if the long-expected declaration had really come.

The Star-Bulletin informed each and everyone the same thing. In substance this was: A rumor came to this paper that the navy officials at Pearl Harbor had a despatch from Washington war had been declared; that the cable and wireless offices here were under such strict censorship the news of the declaration could not be given to the press; and that the army and navy were making preparations for active services. This was the rumor, and the facts were that a telephone inquiry to naval officials at Pearl Harbor resulted in absolute denial of the rumor concerning news there; no censorship was in operation at the telegraph offices, officials there affirmed; and no special moves were being made to indicate that the declaration had come.

In other words, the unconfirmed rumor which startled the city could not be found to have any substantial basis.

News from Washington today does not even hint at such an event.

REFORM SCHOOL BOYS COMMITTED TO COMMON JAIL

Six Prisoners Are Found to Be Too Vicious to Remain in Juvenile Prison

City and county officials took an active hand in the affairs of the Wallace reform school this morning when Attorney A. M. Brown prosecuted six escaped inmates whom Probation Officer Joseph Lehl had arrested and Judge Monsarrat committed them all to the county jail.

Charles Bettencourt, David Hawaii and Louis Hooker were sent up for one year and George Williams, Kupaia Kapellela and Joe Perreira were committed for their delinquency. All the boys are over 17 years of age and strictly incorrigible and detrimental to the boys' institution, according to Frederick Anderson, superintendent of the school, who was the chief complaining witness.

From Anderson and from the boys themselves a story of crime and degradation was told in a full hearing. Attorney Brown granted the boys before they were sent to jail that kept the courtroom attendants in a state of silent attention. Their stories were sad and pitiful.

Four of the boys deserted the school during the Carnival when they came to town with the band and some of them got drunk. Two ran away about two weeks ago. The latter were Kapellela and Perreira, who broke out of custody and were recaptured after they had committed burglaries at Waimanalo.

Claims Discipline Disturbed

Anderson told the court it was impossible for him to maintain order and discipline at the school, where there are over 150 boys, with such big rascals as these in court continually stirring up trouble, and Brown said he believed it was the duty of Honolulu officials to back up Anderson's work. He believes it will be a severe penalty for the transgressors and a lesson for the others when the six are put in jail.

Boy Added to Drink

Bettencourt is addicted to intoxication and larceny, although he declares he was not in a drunken brawl in Ala. park last Monday night. Williams' conduct at the school has been generally good, but he got drunk in Honolulu and broke loose. Hawaii is a mutinous and was involved in the Tucker affair some years ago. He told Anderson he wanted to go to jail. Hooker also wants to be transferred. He has been at the school since 1915, going there first for stealing and, like the others, has run away. Ferreira has been a constant deserter, running away once because he feared punishment for smoking. He doesn't want to go back to the school, saying he has been there long enough, which the officials admit, too.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE HOLDS AMERICAN SAILORS IN GERMANY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 28.—The members of the little party of American sailors brought to this country on the British prize Yarrowdale, have not yet been released, according to the statement issued last night by the semi-official Overseas News Agency. The excuse is that an infectious disease has been discovered in the house where the men have been held as prisoners.

CODE MESSAGES MAY BE SENT TO JAPAN

The Marconi Wireless Company has announced that in the handling of wireless in code between here and Japan the navy department has given permission for the use of the following codes: Western Union, A. B. C. (fourth and fifth editions), Liebers, Bentleys, Broomhalls and Scotts.

Edward Middleton of New York, a porter at the Grand Central post office, was held in \$1000 bail by United States Commissioner Houghton on a charge of robbing the mails.

RECHIE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE

Today is the time limit set by George Collins, civil yard county engineer, for the F. R. Ritchie Company, contractor on the Manoa Improvement district project, to have started certain specified work.

ANOTHER GERMAN RAIDER FREE IN SOUTH ATLANTIC, STRIKING ENTENTE SHIPPING, IS REPORT

Paris Papers Look on Wilson's Latest Message as Another Step Toward Conflict

(Associated Press by Cable)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Moving to get ready for possible war, house and senate leaders today took steps to carry out President Wilson's request that he be authorized to arm U. S. merchant ships.

That the senate will not take action to carry out the "armed neutrality" plan, proposed by the president in his message, until the necessary measure has passed the house, was assured today after a conference between Senator Stone, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, and Representative Mann, the Republican house leader.

Mann declared that the senate could not act on the bill providing a bond issue to carry out "preparedness" until the bill had passed the house, which has the right of initial action on appropriation measures.

The house is already at work on this bill. The foreign affairs committee today reported out the bill of Chairman Flood of the committee, designed to give the president broad powers of action. Before reporting out the bill, the committee struck out the reference to the president's authority "to employ any other instrumentality" to protect American lives and rights at sea. As the bill now stands, the president is empowered to "put armed force into action" and has authority to supply American ships with defensive arms "with the means of using them."

The bill is also amended to prohibit the government war insurance bureau from extending insurance to ships with munitions cargoes.

The bill as reported to the house carries a bond issue for \$100,000,000.

Japanese Captain Says Raider is Loose Among Shipping of Atlantic

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 28.—News that another German raider is sinking Entente shipping in the South Atlantic, is skillfully handled, well-armed and well-manned, came to New York today.

Captain T. Fakeshima of the Japanese steamer Hudson Maru brings the story. He says that there are indications the vessel was especially prepared for her mission at a German port. The prisoners are kept under strict guard and discipline is severe aboard the raider, both among her own and the captured crews. No one is permitted to tell the name of the vessel. She carries two big guns and two torpedo tubes.

Paris Papers Agree Wilson's Move Is Distinctly Step Toward War

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PARIS, France, Feb. 28.—The Paris morning papers, commenting on the president's message to Congress asking extraordinary powers to arm American ships at sea, say that the president has shown prudence and skill in handling the situation. They agree in regarding the proposed action as distinctly a step in the direction of war.

British Casualties For February

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 28.—Announcement was made by the war office today that the British casualties for February amount to 1213 officers and 17,185 men.

The British are continuing to advance rapidly up the Tigris river, after the capture of Kut-el-Amara. The Turks are fleeing before them in confusion.

Teutons Advance on Rumania Front

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 28.—Today the Teuton forces took the offensive in northern Rumania, capturing important hill positions and taking more than 1300 prisoners and 11 machine-guns.

BRITISH CLOSING IN ON BAPAUME STRONGHOLD

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Ligny, less than a mile and one-half from Bapaume, has fallen into the hands of the British attacking forces, together with a number of other important positions, and the retreat of the German forces on the north and south banks of the River Aisne, continues unabated.

SINKING OF LAW NOT "OVERT ACT"

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—It has been officially established that the American schooner Lyman M. Law was not sunk by an Austrian submarine.

The schooner Law was sunk two weeks ago in the Mediterranean. Reports by the United States consul at Rome said at the time that the steamer was not torpedoed but was sunk by a mine. She carried no contraband and for a while it was a question whether or not her sinking was an "overt act" on the part of Austria. From today's news, it is probable the sinking is not to be so classed.